

# SWPPP: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

A yellow Case 450C skid steer loader is stuck in a muddy pond. The machine is tilted, with its front end submerged in the water. The background shows a muddy bank with some green grass. The text "SWPPP: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan" is overlaid in large, bold, blue letters at the top of the image.

Creating/Implementing a Plan for Compliance



# The Purpose of the SWPPP is to:

To prevent pollution of surface and groundwater from stormwater generated at construction sites.

Typical pollutants of concern:

- ♦ Sediment
- ♦ pH
- ♦ Chemicals – fuel, lubricants, etc...



# Required Parts of a SWPPP



## • Drawings

Shows potential pollutant generating areas and Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented to prevent or minimize pollution.

## • Narrative

Describes project and existing site conditions and how each of the 13 required elements of a SWPPP are addressed.



# 13 Required Elements of a SWPPP

- ♦ Mark clearing limits
- ♦ Establish construction access
- ♦ Control flow rates
- ♦ Establish sediment controls
- ♦ Stabilize soils
- ♦ Protect slopes
- ♦ Protect drain inlets
- ♦ Stabilize channels and outlets
- ♦ Control pollutants
- ♦ Control dewatering
- ♦ Maintain BMP's
- ♦ Manage the project
- ♦ Protect Low Impact Development



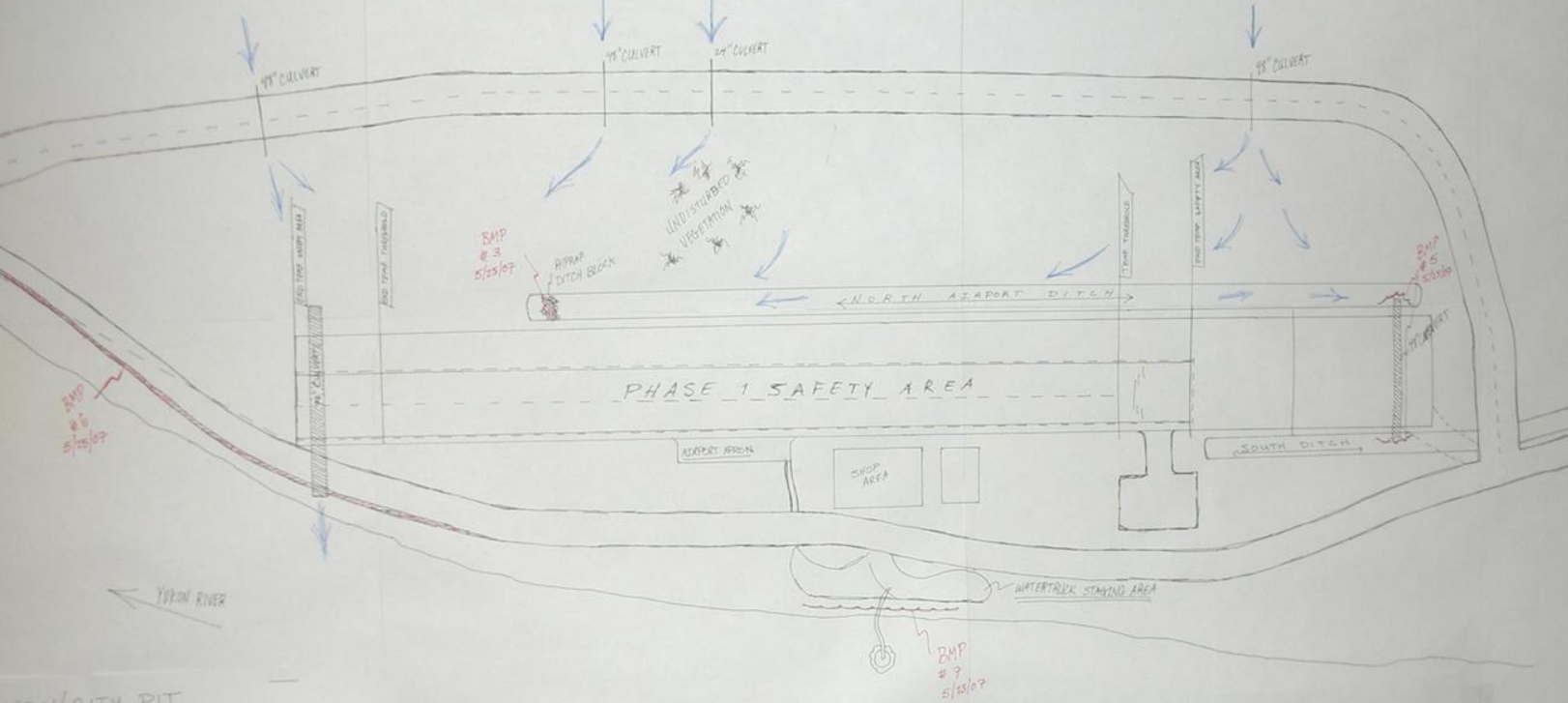
# Drawings

- Vicinity map
- Site map
- Conveyance systems
- Location of detention BMPs
- Erosion and sediment control (ESC) BMPs
- Detailed drawings of structural practices not referenced in Ecology SWM Manual
- Other pollutant BMPs
- Monitoring locations
- Standard notes



# B<sub>3rce</sub> SWPPP BMPs LOCATIONS

WATER FLOW NOTED IN BLUE  
BMPs NOTED IN RED



## BMPs

1. SPECIAL FLOW CONDITIONS (e.g., heavy rain, snow melt, etc.)
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## YON/CITY PIT PPP BMP LOCATIONS



# SWPPP Site Map Simple Site



# SWPPP Site Map Complex Site





# Narrative

- Project description
- Existing site conditions
- Adjacent areas
- Critical Areas
- Soil on site
- Describe how each of the 13 Elements will be addressed – include type of BMP(s)
- Construction schedule and phasing
- Financial/ownership responsibilities
- Engineering calculations
- CESCL contact info and expiration of certification



# What is a BMP?

- Best Management Practice: agreed upon means of reducing or preventing pollution. Can be:
- Prohibitions of practices
  - “don’t top off”
- Physical structures
  - silt fence
- Construction procedures or timing
  - track walking
  - no “wet season” work





# Two Categories of BMPs in Ecology Stormwater Management Manual:

- Source Control BMPs:
  - Prevent or minimize pollutant generation.
- Runoff Conveyance & Treatment BMPs:
  - Control water to prevent erosion
  - Treat water to reduce pollutant levels



# Source Control BMPs

Prevent or minimize generation of pollutants:

- Sediment: reduce or stop erosion of soil
- pH: control and contain sources of high pH
- Chemicals: contain and cleanup





Protect soil from erosion in  
traffic areas: rocked  
construction areas





Protect soil from erosion:  
hydroseeding & trackwalking





Control sources of high pH:  
Concrete truck washout area





Control sources of chemical:  
cover and contain and be  
prepared for cleanup



# Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs

- Reduce or stop erosion of soil while conveying water
- Treat water to settle suspended sediments prior to discharge from the site



# Runoff Conveyance BMPs



Interceptor Swale  
with Channel Lining  
and Check Dams



Pipe Slope Drain



# Stormwater Treatment BMPs



Filter Fence



Sediment Pond



# All Sites Require Multiple BMP's

Compost Sock

Creek

Coir Blanket

Silt Fence

Coir Logs

Seeding

Jute Netting

The trick is...

Gravel Access

**The right BMP,  
in the right place, at the right time!**





# **Most Important BMP = CESCL**

- Inspects site for compliance with SWPPP**
- Samples stormwater discharges**
- Maintains Site Log Book**
- Adapts & updates SWPPP**
- Ensures regulatory compliance**
- On-call 24 hours a day**



# Ecology Stormwater Management Manual Volume II

## Chapter 4

- Menu of Construction Site BMPs:
  - 23 Source Control BMPs &  
Runoff Conveyance and Treatment BMPs
- This afternoon's classroom session will review these BMPs in more detail





# **The Key to a Successful SWPPP is.....**

- 💧 **Site Assessment & Analysis**
- 💧 **Proper BMP Selection**
- 💧 **Implementation**
- 💧 **Inspections & Documentation**
- 💧 **Adaptive Management**



# Preparing a SWPPP

- ♦ **Step 1: Data Collection:** Gather information and evaluate existing site conditions that can be used to develop the SWPPP.

1. Topography
2. Drainage
3. Soils
4. Ground Cover
5. Critical Areas
6. Adjacent Areas
7. Existing encumbrances
8. Precipitation records





# Preparing a SWPPP

- **Step 2: Data Analysis:** Consider the data collected in Step 1 to visualize potential problems and limitations of the site. Determine those areas that have critical erosion hazards.

1. Topography
2. Drainage
3. Soils
4. Ground Cover
5. Critical Areas
6. Adjacent Areas
7. Precipitation records
8. Timing of the project





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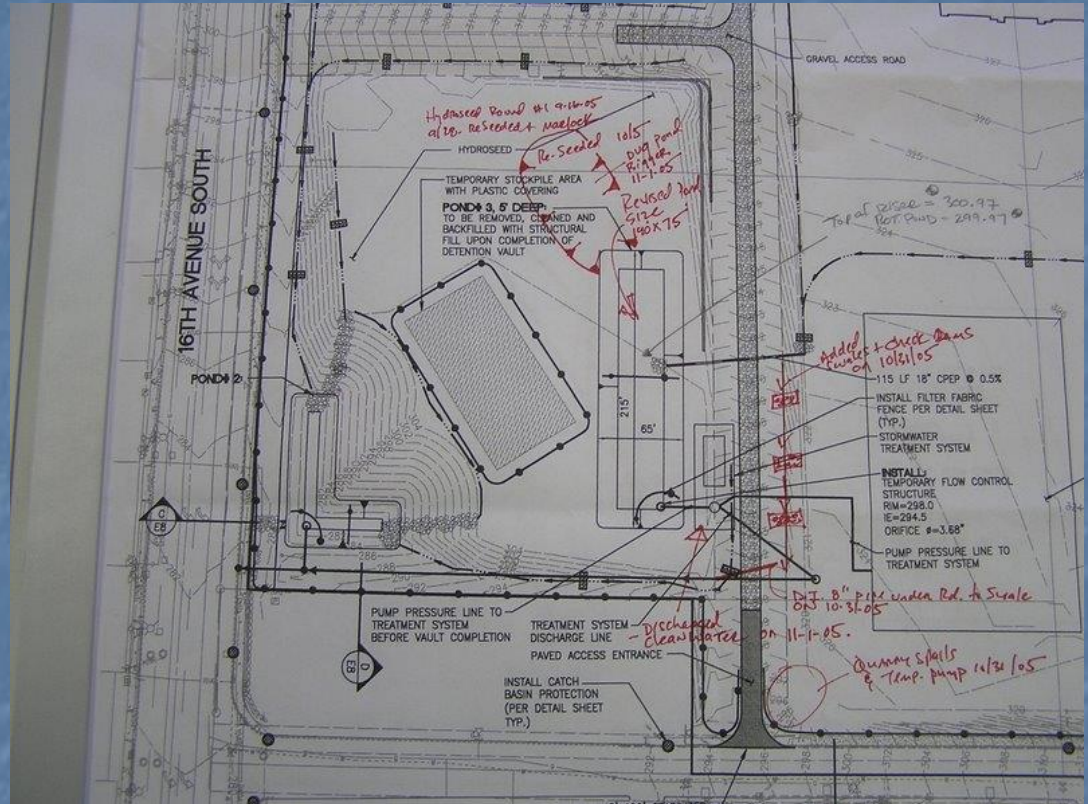
- ♦ **Step 3: SWPPP Development and Implementation:** After collecting and analyzing the data, develop the SWPPP by addressing the 13 required elements.

1. Mark Clearing Limits
2. Establish Construction Access
3. Control Flow Rates
4. Install Sediment Controls
5. Stabilize Soils
6. Protect Slopes
7. Protect Drain Inlets
8. Stabilize Channels and Outlets
9. Control Pollutants
10. Control Dewatering
11. Maintain BMPs
12. Manage the Project
13. Protect Low Impact Development



# Implementing a SWPPP

The SWPPP is a “living document” to be reviewed and updated as changed circumstances occur and the need arises to address unplanned for pollution control.





# Maintaining an Updated SWPPP

The SWPPP shall be modified whenever there is a change in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the construction site that has or could have a significant effect on the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state.



# Maintaining an Updated SWPPP

The SWPPP shall be modified, if during inspections or investigations conducted by the owner/operator or the applicable local or state regulatory agency, it is determined that the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the site.